

Dear Gordon,

I just wanted to let you know what Hleos Children's Community has done for me.

I came there with my little brother, I was 10 at the time & my brother was 13. We were only in one other foster home before we went to Hleos. I didn't trust any male & my brother didn't trust any one, we also didn't have faith in anything. Since I had to grow up at the age of 10 to raise my ~~2~~ 2 younger siblings & keep them from being physically abused I took most of it from my mothers boyfriends.

Hleos changed our lives in many different ways. We were able to ~~be~~ go to school, work with the animals on the property to play sports, learn how to trust & also how to be teenagers instead of an adult. There is so much that Hleos has done for us that there isn't enough paper ~~to~~ or time to say or show how much Hleos has done for me & my siblings.

Gordon, you also made it possible ~~to~~ for me, my brother & little sister to live with each other and be reunited. I believe that if...

were placed somewhere else we would have been separated & never lived together or seen each other.

I was able to work through different emotions, problems & trust issues that came from being abused in many different ways. My house parents became my parents & I will always call them Mom & Dad no matter where ~~we~~ we go in life. Bless is my home, & always will be, no matter how old I am.

If it wasn't for Vickie I would have never gone to college. She showed me that I could go & pass the classes with wonderful grades & I wouldn't be ashamed of doing it. Vickie also showed me how to get the money & resources to keep going to college so I can fulfill my dream to become a teacher.

I am now 23 years old, I'm attending college to major in elementary education & minor in business. I'm raising my 10 year old niece half the time, working part-time & also engaged to a wonderful man. If it wasn't for Bless, none of these things would of happened to me or my siblings. Just remember that there is so much more Bless has done than just is in one time.

on paper to say everything. Once
again I would like thank Vlees
& the staff at Vlees for everything
they've done.

Sincerely,
- Chelena
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